

HEALTH IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE/ACTION PLAN RESOURCES - FY 2007

The following will be used to evaluate Health Improvement Initiative/Action Plans submitted by LPHAs

- ❑ The health issue that the plan will address is clearly stated.
- ❑ The targeted population is identified. The targeted population may be the entire city/county, a school or schools, a city within the county, or residents within a specific age group, etc.
- ❑ Data is included to define the problem and its severity. Example: a rate for the county compared to the state or a similar county.
- ❑ Information on the trend to show if the problem is getting worse or is improving is provided.
- ❑ Sources of data are included.
- ❑ There is at least one source cited that provides information on evidence-based interventions likely to improve the health issue. The Community Guide is a recommended source for effective strategies to address tobacco use, physical inactivity, Diabetes, etc. www.thecommunityguide.org
- ❑ If the Community Guide does not address the chosen health issue, the agency has researched to find other credible sources of best practices. (Note: if no authoritative source of best practice interventions can be found to address the chosen issue, choosing another issue may be advisable.)
- ❑ An **Inventory of Public Policy and Environmental Supports** reflects community wide kinds of interventions, not specific programs that the LPHA is doing. The list may include school policy, ordinances that address the health issue, enforcement issues, and other population-based programs and activities. An assessment of community physical environment and other resources to accommodate physical activity are included for related health issues. The inventory list may be short if there is little to report, however the next sections reflect that the LPHA is knowledgeable about evidence based strategies, is aware of what is missing in their community, and what public policy interventions are needed to improve the health issue.
- ❑ A document titled Community Tobacco, Physical Activity and Nutrition, Policy and Environment Assessment and Resource Guide is available on the DHSS website/Local Public Health Agencies/Resources. It is an excellent resource to assist with the assessment of public policy and environmental supports that are related to chronic disease risk factors.

- ❑ Though there may be a number of effective strategies identified, the contract requires an action plan for implementation of only one intervention. The intervention planned for implementation is an evidence-based strategy that will involve at least a few other community organizations, providers, schools, elected officials, etc. in its implementation. It may depend upon the issue chosen, but if the LPHA plans to implement a program independently, this will likely **not** meet the expectation.
- ❑ Barriers listed may be lack of community support, lack of funding, lack of interest or expertise, or failure of the community to recognize that there is a problem.
- ❑ If barriers exist, the action plan addresses how barriers will be overcome or minimized.
- ❑ Timeline for action steps can be several months to several years. Deliverables for the CPH contract for the next fiscal year will require the agency to implement this plan, therefore planned action steps reflect activities that will require reasonable investment of time and effort, yet are realistic in what can be accomplished in the first year of a plan. The actions may reflect activities to reduce the barriers, or to simply get an appropriate group organized and responsibility assigned. Actions may reflect small steps toward a final desired outcome in the future.
- ❑ The plan includes documentation of desired outcome, and how success will be measured. What data will be used as a benchmark, how will data be collected, to measure progress? Who will collect data?

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LPHA Name:

Size of Population:

Priority Health Issue:

Supporting Data:

**Best practices, evidence-based strategies that are recommended to improve the health issue
(INCLUDE THE SOURCES FOR RECOMMENDED INTERVENTIONS):**

**Inventory of public policy, population based strategies, and community physical
environment that already exists to support improvement in the priority issue:**

Intervention that is planned for implementation:

Targeted group/geographic area:

Outcome the plan is intended to achieve:

Identified barriers:

Evaluation Plan (describe how success will be measured):

**Baseline Data, Benchmark(s), etc. (What data will be collected, who and how will it be
collected?):**

Action Steps:

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